



# Happy Valentine's Day

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Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent.

From Kids Domain

[www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/val/history.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/val/history.html)

### Websites about Valentine's Day

HowStuffWorks - Valentine's Day

<http://people.howstuffworks.com/valentine.htm>

Valentine's Day at Alphabet Soup

<http://www.alphabet-soup.net/val/valentine.html>

**Books You May Want to Read** (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. In the Full Text box, type **Valentine's Day** and then uncheck Adult at the top of the screen. Hit the Search button at the bottom of the screen)

**Four Stupid Cupids** by Gregory Maguire; illustrated by Elaine Clayton

The students' scheme to find a love match for their beloved teacher on Valentine's Day turns into a comedy of errors when four stupid cupids arrive from Ancient Greece.

**Nate the Great and the Mushy Valentine** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat; illustrated by Marc Simont

Nate the Great investigates two cases that may be connected, involving a missing valentine and a valentine that came from nowhere.

**The Night before Valentine's Day** by Natasha Wing; illustrated by Heidi Peta

In the tradition of "The Night Before Christmas," these rhymes outline the fun of Valentine's Day.

**Roses are Dread, Violets are Boo!: A Vampire Valentine Story** by Michelle Poploff; illustrated by Bill Basso

Kid vampire Wanda Doomsday has only one friend, and as Valentine's Day approaches, she fears she'll get only one Valentine.

**Let's Celebrate Valentine's Day** by Peter and Connie Roop; illustrated by Katy Keck Arnsteen

Describes some history and customs connected with St. Valentine's Day and presents jokes, riddles, activities, and recipes to help celebrate this holiday.

**The Story of Valentine's Day** by Clyde Robert Bulla; illustrated by Susan Estelle Kwas

Relates the history and describes the customs of this holiday from its beginning in Roman times to the present. Includes directions for making a paper valentine and sugar cookies.



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### To Find More about Valentine's Day

In TEL, go to Kids InfoBits or Junior Edition - K12 and use the following search strategies:

St. Valentine's Day

Cupid

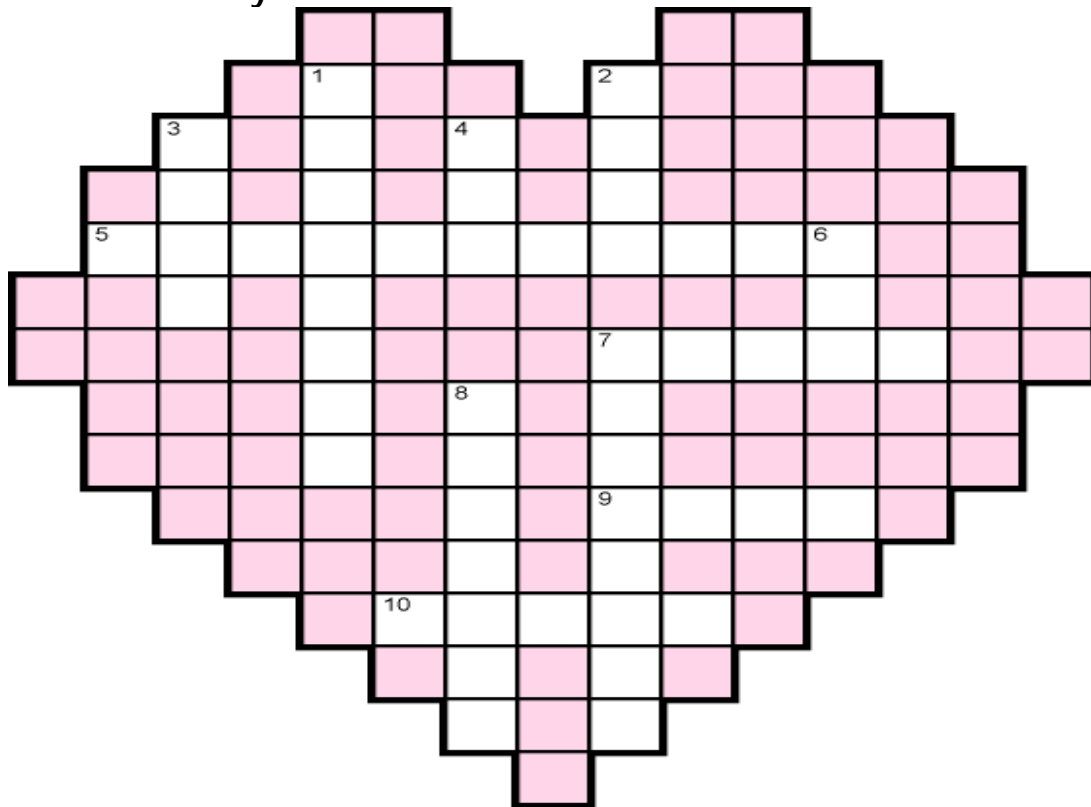
Valentines

Valentine's Day

Lupercalia

Saint Valentine

### A Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle for You



#### Across

5 Your Parent's Mom (11)

7 sweet treats (5)

9 I \_\_\_\_\_ you, Mom (4)

10 Young at \_\_\_\_\_. (5)

#### Down

1 grateful (8)

2 present (4)

3 Send a greeting \_\_\_\_\_ to a friend. (4)

4 Opposite of Dad (3)

6 color of hearts (3)

7 kids (8)

8 plants with blossoms (7)